

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Robert Ross, Lewis Buckley, Edward Chmielewski

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, January 7, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

4) D) Appoint Ken Bondi to EDC

M/S/C (Burr/Lyden) to appoint Ken Bondi as an alternate member of P&Z. Vote: Approved Unanimously  
*\*Note: This was supposed to have been EDC and was corrected accordingly at the Board of Selectman Regular Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, February 4, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, February 18, 2014, Special Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

1.A) Paragraph 2 K. Lyden explained ~~about~~ the different health districts in the area (Uncas, LedgeLight and Chatham).

1.A) Paragraph 5 L. Buckley *asked* if more service is required, is it an added expense?

**6) Public Comment**

Jim Forgarty stated he would like a comparison of services for the Health District at the public hearing.

*The Selectmen need to be responsive for this.*

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

None

### 3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

- Add: E) Endorse Emergency Management Resolution  
F) Discussion regarding DMV Inspections on Emergency Vehicles

**M/S/C (Lyden/Buckley) to add agenda items E) Endorse Emergency Management Resolution and F) Discussion Regarding DMV Inspections on Emergency Vehicles**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous.**

### 4. Agenda

#### A) Update BOS on Snow Removal Expenses

K. Lyden informed the Board the snow removal expense is \$44,000 over budget due to salt/sand/overtime/repairs.

#### B) Discuss Public Hearing for Uncas Health District

The notice of Public Hearing will be in the Day Newspaper March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will be on March 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

There will be a power point presentation.

#### C) Set Special Meeting for the Approval of Join in the Uncas Health District

K. Lyden would like to set a Special Meeting for two items: 1) discussion and possible action on joining the Uncas Health District 2) discussion and action on KX dispatch.

K. Lyden explained about the KX dispatch and plans to merge with other surrounding towns. Salem Volunteer Fire Company Chief Gene Maiorano spoke to the BOS on the merge.

By consensus, the BOS will hold their Special Meeting on March 20, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

#### D) Tax Collector Refunds

**M/S/C (Ross/ Chmielewski) the BOS direct the Town Treasurer to issue the refunds recommend and certified by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$2,393.51 as recommended to the Board of Selectmen on March 4, 2014.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(See attached.)

#### E) Endorse Emergency Management Resolution

**M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) the Board of Selectmen endorse and authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver the Emergency Management Resolution for the Town of Salem, Connecticut.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(See attached.)

## **F) Discussion Regarding DMV Vehicle Inspection on Emergency Vehicles**

Chief Gene Maiorano spoke to the BOS about the DMV inspections for the emergency vehicles. In the past there was no charge for the service. The DMV now charges a fee.

Discussion took place if the budget for the firehouses should be increased now or for the 2014/2015 budget. Chief Maiorano will have more information for our next BOS meeting.

## **5. Reports**

### **A. First Selectman – K. Lyden reported:**

The FOIA seminar took place last week; it was well attended by Board & Commission members.

A State reimbursement of \$1,250,617.00 was received for the renovation work at Salem School. The project is 98% complete.

The annual audit report shows the Town is in good shape financially.

There are more internal controls in place between the Tax Collector; Treasurer, Finance, Assessor, and CPA liaison.

Payment and payroll procedures are in place according to the auditors.

L. Buckley commented the FOIA seminar was very useful; explanation at the meeting verified information on conversations and phone calls between Board members that take place are not in a scheduled meeting.

### **B. Public Works – No report.**

### **C. Building Department- D. Weston reported two new permits for single family residences were received this week.**

### **D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the “punch list” is getting smaller for the renovation project. The Board of Finance is meeting with the Committee at the next committee meeting to discuss the remaining funds in the renovation account.**

### **E. Board of Education – E. Chmielewski reported the BOE budget has a 4.42% increase. Residents can go to the School website to view a copy of the budget. \$600,000 is due to an increase in special education; there will be 2 staff retirements that may show a decrease. March 27<sup>th</sup> the BOE will present their budget to the BOF. The BOE is revising the proof of residency policy.**

### **F. Board of Finance- K. Lyden reported budget season is here. The school renovation, which was voted on by residents, will increase the mill rate by one mill. K. Lyden stated the Town needs to be educated about the budget and the increases that will raise the mill rate.**

### **G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported he thought the first meeting with the new group went well. P&Z will use one of the meetings per month for planning and the other for regulation review.**

### **H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.**

### **I. Economic Development Commission- R. Ross reported a “get together” conversation was held with the new members. The store fronts in the plaza at 1 New London Road have been cleaned up.**

### **J. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.**

**K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported the summer programs are being planned. Bus trips are listed on the website.

**L. Public Safety** – No report.

**M. Transfer Station** – No report.

**N. Library Board**- L. Buckley reported there has been a response to the concerns at the library for getting physical work done. Painting has been done in the child's room and the Carl Narowski room.

**6. Public Comment**- None

**Adjournment**

**M/C/S (Burr/Chmielewski) to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**